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Title Continuous Filament Mat Binder...

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 12]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]
- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
  - ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: PCT/US03/14933

Prior application information:

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DOCKET NUMBER	ANTICIPATION CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
25203A	CLASS	SUBCLASS	PCT/US03/14933	

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application Number PCT PCT/US03/14933, filed on 5/12/03 entitled Continuous Filament Mat Binder System, which designated the United States.

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

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1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional of prior PCT application No.: PCT/US03/14933, filed 5/12/03

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8. ☒ A declaration under CFR 1.63 is enclosed.

9. ☐ Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

☐ The certified copy is enclosed.

10. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

11. ☒ Also enclosed:

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☒ Attorney or agent of record

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